മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ (*Nellayi*).— ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നപ്രകാരം ഫ്രവ്വ കം. കെട്ടി വേറെ വല്ലവരും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ കാൺസ്റ്റബിളുമാരെ ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി (*Commissioner of Police*).— ആരെങ്കിലും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ അയച്ചു കൊടുക്കയില്ല. ഗവൺമെൻറിനു വേണമെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യംവരുന്ന പക്ഷം കൊടുക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).— ഡിസ്മിസു ചെയ്തവരെ വീണ്ടും ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ പ്രവേശിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി (*Commissioner of Police*).— ഒരിക്കയില്ല. തീർത്തുപറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലെന്നു മുമ്പു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം (*Cranganur*).—സബ്ബ് ഡിവിഷൻ ർ-ൽ അറിയുന്നില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതു അറിയുവാൻവല്ല മാർഗ്ഗവും ഗവൺമെൻറു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

Sir, my question was not answered.

Mr. President.—There is no answer; that is all. Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—That answer should have been given. I ask whether any attempt was made to get the information?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—No particular attempt was made to get the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Is that the proper way to answer?

Police Officer, Irinjalakkuda—complaint against—information regarding.

194. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police has received any letter from Mr. M. Govindan, B. A. B. L., a Retired Judge of Travancore, complaining against the conduct of a certain Police Officer at Irinjalakkuda;

(b) will the Government be pleased to print a copy of the letter and place it on the table of each member;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Police has taken any action in the matter?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—(a) A letter dated 11th May 1937 was received regarding an incident which took place on 24th April 1937. It was not a complaint but an explanation, in terms of the letter, "to erradicate wrong impressions".

(b) A copy of the letter is placed on the table. *(Appendix II.)*

(c) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know what was the wrong impression?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—That gentleman is more competent to say about that. We have no written record except what I have got from this letter.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad).*—Has any impression been created through the Press?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—No wrong impression was created the Government.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know what was the action taken, Sir, regarding this matter?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—On getting the information I went to the place and tried to find out what actually happened. I found that nothing was necessary.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—What about the insult referred to in the letter?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—No insult was offered at all.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has not the retired Judge reported to the Commissioner that he was spoken to in an insulting and provoking manner by the head constable?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I have satisfied myself that nothing was done by the police officer to insult the gentleman. He only asked a number of questions because he did not give his name.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Refering to the following sentence in Appendix II: 'While I was leaving one young man looking like a caste Hindu came to me and asked who I was in a peremptory tone. The manner in which he put the question made me not to answer him'. May

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I know whether statements of facts are conceded by Government to be true?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—The fact that he was talked to by the Head Constable because he refused to give his identity is conceded.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Was the head constable in his uniform?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—No.

Mr. President.—He might have refused to give an answer and for that why should there be a complaint?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It is seen from this letter that he actually threatened this gentleman.

Mr. President.—What will you do if a man in plain cloths comes to you and asks questions after questions. You will not answer. The man again asks questions.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Could not have the police constable given his identity in the first instance?

Mr. President.—At the time of this incident we had considerable trouble in Irinjalakuda in connection with the Kudalmanikkom temple and we had issued instructions to the police officers to watch strangers. It might be according to the instructions given to them that the Police officer might have asked these questions.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—But, Sir, it was unnecessarily giving trouble to the strangers.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Were there any instructions to the officer that he need not wear his uniform?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I do not think that the question requires any answer.

Mr. President.—But that gentleman does not complain after all. From that we are to infer that there was nothing serious.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—That shows the magnanimity of the man. He was a gentleman. And it is why I say that we should so protect our honour that when persons of respectable standing coming here from outside they do not feel insulted by the actions of our police.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—It is with that object I pursue the matter, Sir. Here is an allegation 'without telling me who he was he stopped me on the road and began showering questions on me as to my identity and the purpose of my visit in what I thought to be a rather offensive manner.' My question is whether any enquiry was conducted by the Commissioner or by any department of the Government regarding this particular allegation contained in the letter and whether they were satisfied that the head constable concerned was doing nothing but his duty for which he was paid?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Is that the position of Government? Am I to take it, Sir, that the allegations contained here are, in your eyes, perfectly legitimate and which the head constable can do? May I know whether the Government considers that this attitude of the police constable is right and proper according to their notions of proper conduct of a head constable?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—The head constable happened to go there because a Pulaya went and told him that a gentleman gave him some money. The head constable happened to live in the neighbouring house of that Pulaya. The head constable went out and asked the gentleman who he was and a few other questions to know his identity. The gentleman refused to answer. He asked the constable who he was and what right he had to ask him his name. Then he informed him that he was a police officer. Then the gentleman gave the answers to the questions. If that has created a bad impression, it is not the fault of the Head constable. It is not the fault of the department also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Was it the offering of a small amount of money by this gentleman to a poor Pulaya that set the Head constable afoot? Are we to infer that had not this gentleman given alms to the Pulaya he would have passed unnoticed? It is the answer from Government that makes me to ask this question.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—It does not create any reflection on the action of the gentleman offering money to the poor Pulaya. The Pulaya did not know who gave him alms and so he reported the matter to the head constable. The constable wanted to know who the gentleman was. He did not use any offensive word or offensive attitude.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—That is the information gathered by you subsequent to the receipt of this letter?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Did the gentleman disclose his name?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—It was only after the head constable informed him that he was a head constable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir.....

Mr. President.—One member alone cannot monopolise the right of asking supplementary questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—I do not want to monopolise, Sir. I wanted only to pursue a particular line of argument to show that the attitude of the officer was offensive.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South).*— ഈ പൊല്ലീസുകാരൻ ഉടുപ്പില്ലാതെ ചോദ്യംചെയ്ത സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി പൊല്ലീസു കമ്മീഷണർ നേരിട്ട ചോദ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissioner of Police).*— അതു ചോദിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South).*—പുറത്തുനിന്നവരുന്ന ഒരാൾക്കു ഉടുപ്പില്ലാതെ നില്ക്കുന്ന ഒരു കാൺസ്റ്റബിളിനെ എങ്ങിനെയറിയുവാൻ കഴിയും?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissioner of Police).*— ഉടുപ്പില്ലാത്തവരോടു പറഞ്ഞില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഉടുപ്പുള്ളവരെക്കൊണ്ടു ചോദിപ്പിക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South).*— ഒരുത്തരവാദപ്പെട്ട ഒരു ഗവൺമെൻറു സർവ്വൻറു ജനങ്ങളെ ഉപദ്രവിക്കുന്നു എന്നു ഒരു റിട്ടയേർഡു ജഡ്ജി പറയുന്നതു് കണക്കാക്കാതെ വെറും ഒരു കാൺസ്റ്റബിളു പറഞ്ഞതിനെ വിശ്വസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണൊ ഗവൺമെൻറു പറയുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissioner of Police).*— അല്ല. ആരാണു് എന്നറിയുവാനായിട്ട ചോദിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഉടുപ്പിട്ട വരു അപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞുതരാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. റിട്ടയേർഡ് ജഡ്ജിയൊ ആരാണ് എന്നറിയുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണു് ഹെഡ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിളു ചോദിച്ചതു്. പക്ഷെ അതു അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South)*.—ഒരു റിട്ടയേർഡ് ജഡ്ജി പറയുന്ന എന്നെ ഇൻസൾട്ട് ചെയ്തതായിട്ട് തോന്നി എന്ന്, അതു അദ്ദേഹം എഴുതി അറിയിച്ചുമിരിക്കുന്നു. ഹെഡ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾ പറയുന്നു ഞാൻ ഇൻസൾട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല എന്ന്. ഗവൺമെൻറു ഏതാണ് ഇതിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നതു?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.—Do not the Government think that the constable could have been more civil?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—He was civil. I wanted to inform this House that no insult was intended.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—Will you issue orders that they should not behave in this way?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Police Commissioner)*.—Why should the department issue such an order? They must do so, they are excepted to do so in a manner befitting the honour of the Govment.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—But there was no complaint to that effect.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South)*.—Because he was a gentleman.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—There are cases like that. 'There was nothing serious although I cannot conceal the fact that I felt insulted.' But a gentleman of that sort will not say that he was insulted.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—The Police have instructions to behave properly.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South)*.—Did the policeman behave properly is the question?

Mr. President.—Do you mean to say that on the strength of this statement the police constable should be punished? After the receipt of this letter an enquiry was made and it was found that the police constable behaved politely.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—But, Sir, how is it probable that a Pulaya as soon as he gets some money as alms from a gentleman rushes up to the constable and reports that he has got alms? Can anybody believe a cock and bull story like this?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—That is all what I can submit.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി *(Anthikad).*— നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തുവ രുന്നവരെ ഇങ്ങിനെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിക്കുന്നതായിരുന്നാൽ, നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തു നിന്നും മാന്യന്മാരായിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകൾക്ക്, പെൻഷൻ പറ്റിയതും പ റ്റാത്തതുമായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാക്ക് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേക്കും പോകേണ്ട തായി വരുമെന്നതു് നമ്മുടെ ഗവൺമെൻറു വിസ്മരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissiner of Police).*— ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ ആ കോസ്റ്റിൻ എന്തൈസു ചെയ്യുമോ എന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Was it proper on the part of the police officer to stop him and ask questions without disclosing his identity? At least that can be done by the Head Constable.

Mr. President.—The Commissioner has answered that.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—If the gentleman felt insulted nobody is more sorry than I am.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—What was the urgency on the part of the police officer to know his identity? Is it because that he gave something to a poor pulaya?

Mr. President.—We had amplest reasons and justification to know the identity of strangers at that time because it was at that time that the Kudalmanikkom trouble was going on. We had to question strangers, even strangers who are highly placed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what were the reasons and justifications?

Mr. President.—They cannot be disclosed. We had ample reason to know something about the activities of strangers in Irinjalakuda.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—We have no objection for that; but why not do it politely?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur).*—ഡ്രസ്സില്ലാതെ നി ല്ക്കുന്ന ഒരു ഹെഡ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിളം പുറമേനിന്നു വരുന്ന ഒരാളോടു ഞാൻ ഇന്ന ആളാണു്, ഭയവായി അവിടന്നു് ആരാണു് എന്നു് ഒരു മര്യാദ യായിട്ടു് പെരുമാറേണ്ടതിനു പകരം വരുന്ന ആളെക്കണ്ടു് ഓടിച്ചെ ന്നു്, താൻ ആരാണു്, അവിടെ നില്ക്കു എന്നൊക്കെ പറയുന്നതു് ഒരി ക്കലും മര്യാദയല്ല. നമ്മുടെ ശമ്പളം മേടിച്ചു തിന്നുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥ ന്മാർ നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തുവരുന്ന ആരോടും വളരെ മര്യാദയായിട്ടു പെരു മാറേണ്ടതാണു്.

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Mr. President.—That is assuming the Constable behaved impolitely.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ (*Pazhayannur*).— ഡ്യൂസ്സില്ലാതിരുന്ന ഒരു കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾ വഴിയിൽക്കൂടി വരുന്ന ഒരാളോട് എടൊ, അവിടെ നില്ക്കു, താൻ ആരാണ് എന്നു ചോദിച്ചതിന്നു അയാൾ ഒരു മറുപടിയും പറഞ്ഞില്ല എന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞതു്. മേലിലെങ്കിലും ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾക്കുടാതെ വളരെ മര്യാദയായിട്ട പെരുമാറിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—This matter would have never seen the light of day. It was one and a half months after the incident that the gentleman thinks to write. Even he does not think that the constable behaved impolitely. He wrote not to complain. It was only a statement to set right public opinion.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—It is not a question of words; it is the behaviour on the part of the police officer.

Nurses and Sisters—Hospitals—particulars regarding.

൯൪. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).—താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ:—

(൧) ആസ്പത്രികളിലെ നെർസുമാക്കും സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനും ഒരേ ഗ്രേഡിലാണൊ ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നതു്;

(൨) നെർസുമാക്കു ഫ്രീകപാർട്ടേഴ്സ് അനുവദിക്കാറുണ്ടൊ;

(൩) സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനു കപാർട്ടേർസു അനുവദിക്കാറുണ്ടൊ;

(൪) ട്രിച്ചിനാപ്പള്ളി ആസ്പത്രിയിലെ സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനു താമസിപ്പാൻ കപാർട്ടേഴ്സിനു ഫ൫ ക. പ്രതിമാസം അനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ലെ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു (*Chief Medical Officer*).—(൧) നെർസുമാക്കും ഇൻഡ്യൻ സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനും ഒരേ ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ശമ്പളം ആണ്. (൨൦-൨-൪൦). യുറോപ്യൻ സിസ്റ്ററിന്റെ ശമ്പളം ൪൦ ക. യാണ്.

(൨) കപാർട്ടേഴ്സ് ഉള്ള ദിക്കിൽ ഫ്രീ ആണ്.

(൩) ഉണ്ട്.

(൪) ഉണ്ട്.

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APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 194).

Letter dated 11th May 1937 from Mr. M. Govindan, B. A. and B. L., Retired District Judge, President, Dist Harijan Sevak Sank, Trivandrum.

"As I came across Newspaper comments regarding my visit to Irinjalakuda which are likely to create a wrong impression I feel it my duty to write this letter stating what actually transpired.

On the 24th of April I met Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai at Warkala. He told me that he was going to Irinjalakkuda to obtain first hand information about the Kudalmanikom affair which was then prominently figuring in the newspapers. At his request I accompanied him. About noon on the 26th we reached Irinjalakkuda. After mid-day meals, from near the bus stand, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai left me and went in the direction of the temple saying that he would visit the Kaimal. I did not accompany him there as it was prohibited area for Ezhuvas. Rather than remaining idle in the house I thought I could employ my time better by visiting a Pulaya hut in the neighbourhood. I found a Pulaya suffering from an advanced stage of consumption. The people in the house brought him near me apparently to excite my sympathy. I gave a little change which I had as alms, and advised that he should be sent to the hospital for treatment. This visit was over in 2 or 3 minutes. While I was leaving one young man looking like a Caste Hindu came to me and asked who I was in a peremptory tone. The manner in which he put the question made me not to answer him. He went back. I was returning by the road to the bus stand when a man sitting in a house next to the Pulaya's hut called me. I said I had no time. He came running after me I learned afterwards that this person was a Head Constable attached to the local police station. Without telling me who he was, he stopped me on the road and began showering questions on me as to my identity and the purpose of my visit in what I thought to be a rather offensive manner. I asked him to mend his manners if he really wanted to know me. I was then told by some-one else that he was a Police Officer and that he was Head Constable Pisharody. As soon as I learned what he was, I answered all his questions. He took down the answers in writing, standing on the road and told me in the end that I could have avoided the fuss by answering in the beginning. I asked in answer who created the fuss. He did not answer me. He left me. Then Mr. Parameswaran Pillai returned and we left by the bus for the Railway station. I did not complain about the Head Constable because after all there was nothing serious although I cannot conceal the fact that I felt insulted. This was all that took place.

I have given the above full account of my visit to eradicate wrong impressions".

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